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An Act To Improve the Safety of Minors by Collecting Data on Vehicle Collision Rates

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1354, sub-§6, ¶H is enacted to read:

H. No later than October 1st of each year, the Secretary of State shall make available online a report detailing the overall collision rate for every approved driver education course under section 1351, subsection 2 for the previous fiscal year and the collision rate for minors for every approved driver education course under section 1351, subsection 2 for the previous fiscal year. The report must list the severity of collisions underlying the overall collision rate and the collision rate for minors for every approved course. If a course has more than one program, then each program is deemed a course for the purposes of this paragraph. For purposes of this paragraph, "collision rate" means the number of students who received certificates under section 1351, subsection 3 from approved driver education courses divided by the number of collisions sustained within 12 months of licensure by those students, expressed as a percentage.

SUMMARY

This bill requires the Secretary of State to make available online annually a report detailing the collision rate within 12 months of licensure for all students and for minor students of every approved driver education course in the State during the previous fiscal year. The report must also list the severity of the collisions underlying the collision rate.